# SYNONYMIC NOTES ON ARCTIIDÆ (LEPID.)

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### EUBAPHE FERRUGINOSA Wlk.

1854, Walker, Cat. Lep. Het. B. M., II, 535, Crocota.

1889, Smith, Can. Ent., XXI, 195, Crocota.

1901, Hampson, Cat. Lep. Phal. B. M., III, 192 (partim.), aurantiaca, Holomelina.

1910, Rothschild, Nov. Zool., XVII, 76, an sp. dist., Holomelina.

1920, Hampson, Cat. Lep. Phal. B. M., Suppl., II, 317, pl. LVI, 19, Eubaphe.

trimaculosa Reak.

1864, Reakirt, Proc. Ent. Soc. Phila., II, 372, Crocota.

1893, Neumoegen and Dyar, Jour. N. Y. Ent. Soc., I, 157, immaculata var., Eubaphe.

1919, Seitz, Macrolep, VI, 294, immaculata form, Eubaphe.

1920, Hampson, Cat. Lep. Phal. B. M., Suppl., II, 317, ferruginosa, Eubaphe.

obscura Stretch (partim.).

1885, Stretch, Ent. Amer., I, 103 (partim.), Crocota.

1925, Barnes and Benjamin, Pan.-Pac. Ent., I, 128, immaculata trimaculosa, Eubaphe.

form immaculata Reak.

1864, Reakirt, Proc. Ent. Soc. Phila., II, 372, Crocota.

1889, Smith, Can. Ent., XXI, 195, Crocota.

1893, Neumoegen and Dyar, Jour. N. Y. Ent. Soc., I, 157, Eubaphe.

1919, Seitz, Macrolep., VI, 294, pl. XXXVIII, a, Eubaphe.

1920, Hampson, Cat. Lep. Phal. B. M., Suppl., II, 317, ferruginosa ab., Eubaphe.

A specimen compared with the type of ferruginosa Wlk. by Mr. Tams shows that the name takes priority over species name immaculata Reak. The specimen compared with Walker's type agrees with specimens compared with the types of trimaculosa by Doctor McDunnough. The name immaculata Reak. can stand as a form of ferruginosa. For notes on the types of obscura Stretch see Barnes and Benjamin, 1925.

E. ferruginosa Auct. nec Wlk. refers to aurantiaca Hbn. Holland's figure of immaculata (Moth Book, pl. XIV, f. 20) seems to refer to opella form nigricans Reak.

Hampson's synonymy of 1920 appears essentially correct from the standpoint of comparison with the actual types involved.

# Arachnis aulæa Geyer

- 1837, Geyer, Zutr. exot. Schmett., V, 28, pl. CLVII, ff. 913-914, Arachnis.
- 1881, Oberthür, Ét. d'Ent., VI, 111, pl. XIX, ff. 4, 7, Ecpantheria.
- 1883, Schaus, Pap., III, 188 (biol.), Ecpantheria.
- 1890, Smith, Can. Ent., XXII, 177, Arachnis.
- 1893, Neumoegen and Dyar, Jour. N. Y. Ent. Soc., I, 179, Arachnis.
- 1894, Dyar, Can. Ent., XXVI, 307 (biol.), Arachnis.
- 1896, Ottolengui, Ent. News, VII, 126, pl. IV, Arachnis.
- 1897, Druce, Biol. Centr. Am., Lep. Het., II, 377, Arachnis.
- 1901, Hampson, Cat. Lep. Phal. B. M., III, 390, text f. 163 (biol.), *Arachnis*.

incarnata Wlk.

1854, Walker, Cat. Lep. Het. B. M., III, 690, Ecpantheria.

#### ARACHNIS POMPEIA Druce

- 1894, Druce, Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist. (6), XIII, 174, Arachnis.
- 1897, Druce, Biol. Centr. Am., Lep., Het., II, 377, pl. LXXV, 2-3, *Arachnis*.
- 1901, Hampson, Cat. Lep. Phal. B. M., III, 389, Arachnis.

‡aulæa Auct. (nec. Geyer).

- 1903, Holland, Moth Book., 124, pl. XVI, f. 1, Arachnis.
- 1912, Barnes and McDunnough, Contrib., I, (4), 7, pl. II, f. 1, Arachnis.

This note is primarily to call attention to the fact that pompeia has been figured as aulæa by B. and McD., and probably also by Holland. The latter figure shows primaries similar to aulæa and secondaries of pompeia. We suspect that the specimen is a faded pompeia, especially as Holland records the species from Arizona.

The Barnes collection possesses three specimens of pompeia from Arizona (Biederman) one of which is the specimen figured in the contributions as aulæa. This specimen was recently examined by Mr. Tams in connection with the British Museum types, and we are informed that it is conspecific with the type of pompeia.

The species going in both the British Museum and the United States National Museum as *aulæa*, and appearing to agree fairly well with Geyer's figures, is represented in the Barnes collection by a series of specimens, mostly without labels. Two are labeled "Jalapa" (Mexico); one, "S. Tex."; and one, "N. Mex." We cannot be sure of the authenticity of these labels. It is possible that true *aulæa* does not occur in the United States.

We cannot state which references under aulæa really refer to pompeia, but at any rate the latter name must be added to our lists.

The species may be sorted by the fact that the gray on the thorax and fore wings of *pompeia* is dark, nearly fuscous, and the red of the hind wings is a bright rich crimson; while the gray on the thorax and fore wings of *aulæa* is quite pale, about the same shade as in *picta*, and the red of the hind wings is duller, also about the same shade as in *picta*.

## Pygarctia murina Stretch

- 1885, Stretch, Ent. Amer., I, 106, Euchætes.
- 1890, Smith, Can. Ent., XXII, 175, Euchætes.
- 1892, Kirby, Syn. Cat. Lep. Het., I, 236, Cycnia.
- 1893, Neumoegen and Dyar, Jour. N. Y. Ent. Soc., I, 166, Cycnia.
- 1920, Hampson, Cat. Lep. Phal. B. M., Suppl., II, 466, Pygarctia. poliochroa Hamp.
- 1916, Hampson, Nov. Zool., XXIII, 238, Pygarctia.
- 1920, Hampson, Cat. Lep. Phal. B. M., Suppl., II, 466, pl. LXIV, f. 10, Pygarctia.

Pygarctia murina albistrigata B. and McD.

- 1913, Barnes and McDunnough, Contrib., II, (3), 103, pl. III, ff. 10, 12, murina ssp., Pygarctia.
- 1920, Hampson, Cat. Lep. Phal. B. M., Suppl., II, 466, murina form, Pygarctia.
- ‡ murina Auct. (nec. Stretch).
- 1901, Hampson, Cat. Lep. Phal. B. M., III, 420, pl. XLVIII, f. 17, Euchates.
- 1903, Holland, Moth Book, 135, pl. XI, f. 18, Euchætias.

A specimen compared with the type of *poliochroa* by Mr. Tams shows this to be the Arizona insect previously described as *murina* by Stretch.

The figures of "murina" by both Hampson and Holland refer to the Texas subspecies named albistrigata. Hampson's figure is based upon a specimen in collection Schaus, so that it would seem that the Stretch name has been incorrectly determined in a number of collections.

P. murina murina is in the Barnes collection from Arizona only, Huachuca Mountains, Santa Rita Mountains, Baboquivari Mountains, Redington, Paradise, and Douglas. P. murina albistrigata is represented from San Benito, Texas, only. We suspect that most of the Texas records for murina refer to albistrigata.